

FISCAL NOTE

HB 309

January 14, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes persons to appoint agents to control the disposition of their remains by using a standard form. The bill establishes a priority for the right to control, and the responsibility to pay for, disposition of remains when the decedent did not leave directions. This bill would provide immunity from liability for any crematory or funeral establishment that acts on the written directions of a decedent or the directions of a person claiming authority to dispose of the remains. Allows the funeral establishment to refuse to accept or dispose of remains until it receives a court order resolving any dispute as to disposal authority.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

Changes implemented by the bill do not have a fiscal impact on the State of Tennessee.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director